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## City of Ridgecrest CO Summary Photo Report January 18-21, and 31, 2011

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### A) Businesses with bins for recycling

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*Board staff observed most of the City's commercial sectors. There are approximately 840 business within the City.*

Pictures 1-2: Staff observed instances where businesses were heavily using their recyclable collection bins with minimal contamination. In some instances the recycling efforts created a situation where the lids on the bins could not be closed.

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**B) Businesses with recycling carts**

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Pictures 1-2: The franchise hauler reports that there are 83\* (down from 90 due to non-payment or business closure) commercial businesses are using 90 gallon carts for collecting recyclables due to space considerations and amounts generated. Minimal contamination was observed at these locations.

\* This information was provided to staff by the franchise hauler on February 10, 2011

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These carts were behind a sporting goods store in a back alley. The chains are there to secure the carts from scavengers and are removed prior to pick-up based on franchise hauler's driver. Additional carts were nearby to service the additional businesses.



### C) Businesses that could use recycling carts or bins

Pictures 1-2: Staff observed businesses that did not have recycling carts or bins. There are significant amounts of recyclables observed in these trash bins.

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## D) Residential Recycling

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### *Residential units using 96 gallon waste and mixed recycling carts.*

Pictures 1-4: During the two site visits in January 2011, while conducting an evaluation of the residential participation in curbside recycling, staff observed less participation by residents than the previous staff report dated June 2, 2010. The decrease in participation could be due to residents opting out of either trash, recycling or both services. Generally, residents were using the carts correctly. However, some carts did have cross contamination.

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**D) Residential Recycling (continued)**

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For those residents that were observed participating in the curbside program, staff observed cart usage ranging from 1/2 full to overflowing of recyclables during the site visit.

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Staff observed carts turned upside down at several locations. In the past, upside down carts were in protest of the mandatory residential curbside recycling and waste collection program. Staff could not determine the reason for the carts being turned upside down during the January 2011 visit.



## E) Ridgecrest/Inyokern Landfill - Commercial Loads

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Pictures 1-4: Staff visited the landfill on January 18-21, 2011 and January 31, 2011, to observe the franchise hauler's **commercial** trash loads. There was a significant amount of cardboard in all loads as well as other recyclables. (note: each picture within this section is of a different load).

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## E) Ridgecrest/Inyokern Landfill (continued)

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## F) Ridgecrest/Inyokern Landfill - Residential Loads

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Pictures 1-2: Staff visited the landfill on January 18-21, 2011 and January 31, 2011 to observe the franchise hauler's **residential** trash loads. There was a significant amount of recyclables and greenwaste in the loads.

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## G) Ridgecrest/Inyokern Landfill Self-Haul Loads

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Pictures 1-2: Self-haul waste materials, with high recycle value, disposed at the self-haul drop-off area.

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## H) Mini Recycling Center

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Pictures 1-2: On two separate occasions, staff observed the mini-recycling center bins full with additional recyclables placed on the ground next to the bins. The City has reported that they have requested that the franchise hauler provide additional service.

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## I) China Lake NAWS Material Disposed at Landfill

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Pictures 1-2: High-value recyclables such as plastic, shredded paper etc. was disposed at the landfill from China Lake NAWS by another hauler (J & J). The City has indicated that they will be contacting the recycling coordinator at the base to discuss the City's concerns.

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## J) Tehachapi Materials Recovery Facility - Commercial Load

Pictures 1-2: Staff observed **commercial** recycling load from the city being unloaded at the MRF in Tehachapi on 1-21-2011. Although contamination was observed, the material received generally consisted of high-value recyclables.

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## K) Tehachapi Materials Recovery Facility - Residential Load

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Pictures 1-2: Staff observed **residential** recycling load from the city being unloaded at the MRF in Tehachapi on January 21, 2011. Although contamination was observed, the material received generally consisted of high value recyclables.

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